

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
July 11, 2018

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, Due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 7:00p.m., in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who lead in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
Rusty Polonoli

At this time Council exited for executive session.

Before the start of Public Forum, the Solicitor, Todd Pappasergi, reminded those speaking of the three (3) minute time limit.

Public Forum

Lee Mizwa, Mound & Ohio Streets, had pictures of His basement flooded, due to the recent heavy rains. He said eight other homes experienced flooding also. This was not from storm water, but from sewer water. He asked what the City planned to do to alleviate the problem, since this is a problem with the sewage pipe. He stated that this has been an on-going problem. The Mayor told Mr. Mizwa the City Engineers, along with Mark Gadd are currently reviewing these and other areas, where flooding is a problem.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, spoke about the Monongahela Main St. Program and reported a new business coming to 4th & Main, at the Yohe Building. A LuLaRue clothing warehouse will be going in there. It will be opened for scheduled parties, and special events. The Old Chamber of Commerce Building, (The Issac W. Jones Building), is also planning to have some new small shops coming soon. He reminded people, the Facade Grants are still available to businesses. Also addressed a concern about the Rite-Aid sidewalk. Someone should check to see if the grassy area be eliminated and a full sidewalk put in. It would be much safer for residents on motorized scooters and such. Councilman Kulak agreed and said the City should inquire about this. Mr. Necciai passed out the Calliopia Newsletter and a Flyer from the Monongahela Library. Anyone under the age of 18 is encouraged to go to the Library for Free Food & Fun, from 12:30 TO 1:30, Monday thru Friday, until August 10, 2018. Senator Bartolotta Will be visiting Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Randy Giovannucci, 623 Ann Street, spoke also about flooding concerns, by His property, due to a problem with a pipe that has washed out at the bottom of Ann Street. Mr. Giovannucci wanted to be notified when work will begin, so he will have access to his property. He said he keeps the Sanitary Line on the opposite side of his house cleaned out. He was told by Council that a large tree, which was a problem, had been removed and the City has the pipe available to begin making repairs.

Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the Police report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The Motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the Code Enforcement Report be approved and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Ist Reading of Bill 3-2018

Licensing and Inspection Program for Residential Rental Units

Report of Mayor Kepics

Asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of June 13, 2018. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics awarded the Beautification Award, to 606 Fourth Street, and credited many Monongahela residents with making the City look beautiful.

Mayor Kepics addressed concerns about fireworks being set off late at night and also open pit burning, especially excessive smoke caused by some.

Solicitor Todd Pappasergi said New Laws regarding fireworks allows the purchase of aerial fireworks, but cautioned residents that they will be in violation if fireworks are set off 150 feet near occupied structures, set off at unreasonable hours or cause excessive noise.

Recreational fires are permitted, but no burning of garbage. He also warned residents if smoke from recreational fires are creating a hazard or nuisance to your neighbors, you could face disorderly conduct charges or a civil suit.

Report of Accounts and Finance

Councilman Kulak said there were no major finance issues, and we are halfway through the year.

Report of Public Safety

Councilwoman Williams said she is running Les Pemberton, the Code Officer ragged. "He is doing a good job, for the time He has." She added that anyone that needs her help is welcomed to call her.

Councilwoman Williams, made a Motion to use Senate Engineering for the upgrade to the Ninth Street Intersection project.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Daryl Miller, Senate Engineering be granted Ninth Street Intersection Project, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The Motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Streets and Improvements

Councilman Miller, thanked the Street Department for all their hard work, With all the recent weather related problems.

Report of Parks and Property

Councilman Polonoli asked about the Armory Sale.

Made a motion to advertise, for sale, the property at 5th Avenue, Second Ward, a vacant lot. Councilman Polonoli stated the City will retain all Mineral, Gas, Coal and Oil rights.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the property at 5th Avenue be advertised, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The Motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Councilman Polonoli, addressed some City Street sign vandalism issues near the Elks Club. Spoke to Mark Gadd about this. He said he will be meeting with State Department of Transportation, and State Representative Bud Cook's office concerning flood prone areas and clearing catch basins, And dredging parts of Pigeon Creek. He also met with City Engineers addressing recent flooding problems.

Report of Solicitor

Solicitor Pappasergi said the Armory sale is in progress and closing should be within a few days. He also reminded City residents of the Special Meeting, July 23rd, 2018, in Council Chambers @ 10:00 a.m., addressing Zoning Meeting.

Report of Chief

Commended The City on its Fourth of July Celebration, and said everything went smooth and no problems occurred.

Mayor added a letter of appreciation would be sent to the Washington County Community Service Office for the great job the inmates did cutting the banks at the Aquatorium.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The Motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

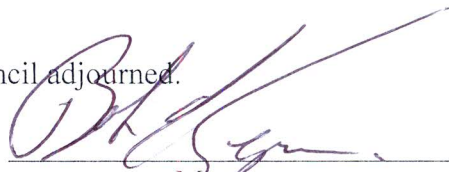
Yeas

Bob Kepics
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Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The Motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics then declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk Assistant